REMARKS

Applicants certainly appreciate being able to interview the Examiner concerning the above-identified application. The interview is set for February 23, 2005 at 10:30. Applicants propose to file a divisional application to prosecute the method claims, which have been withheld pursuant to a restriction requirement. Considering the lengthy prosecution of the apparatus claims, applicants wish to discuss proposed amendments to the method claims, as set forth above, prior to filing the divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,

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